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8. SENECALESE-AMERICAN COLLABORATION HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CLOSE WITHIN ICAO IN CONNECTION WITH SENEGAL'S CONTINUING RESISTANCE TO CAPE VERDIAN DEMAND FOR CIVIL AVIATION FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) CENTERED ON SAL AND CARVED OUT OF EXISTING DAKAR FIR. REMARKABLY ENOUGH, THIS EFFORT HAS REPRESENTED A MAJOR FOCAL POINT OF SENECALESE MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY DURING PAST YEAR, AND REMAINS A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE FOR MONTHS AHEAD. US DELEGATION HAS COMMENDED RESPONSIBLE SENECALESE CONTRIBUTION TO ICAO ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES.

9. PERFORMANCE OF SENECALESE HOLDING INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLES HAS GENERALLY BEEN PRAISEWORTHY. AT 19TH UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, DIRGEN MBOW SUCCESSFULLY MANEUVERED FOR AFRICAN SUPPORT TO DEFEAT ARAB HARDLINERS ON HARSH RESOLUTIONS SUCH AS EXPANDING SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL FOR ALLEGEDLY HARMFUL ACTIVITIES IN JERUSALEM. MBAYE'S RECENT HRC RE-ELECTION WAS SEEN AS TRIBUTE TO HIS DISTINGUISHED PERSONAL REPUTATION, AND HE WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH US DELEGATION AT SPRING 1977 GENEVA HRC MEETING. AFTER JUNE IAEA BOARD MEETING WHERE SOUTH AFRICA LOST ITS DESIGNATED SEAT, NEWLY-ELECTED

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SENECALESE CHAIRMAN CISSE WAS CITED BY USIAEA FOR "SCRUPULOUSLY PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PARTISAN...STATESMANSHIP." WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONS, WE BELIEVE SENEGAL CONSCIOUSLY SEEKS IMAGE FOR ITS NATIONALS HOLDING

INTERNATIONAL POSTS AS CONCILIATORY AND RESPONSIBLE
STATESMEN.

10. USG PRECISION IN DEFINING SMALL GROUP OF KEY ISSUES
OF IMPORTANCE TO US PRIOR TO 30TH AND 31ST UNGAS AND
FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH SUSTAINED DEMARCHESES (INCLUDING
THOSE MADE DURING LAST YEAR'S VISIT BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON)
WAS, FROM EMBASSY'S STANDPOINT, OUTSTANDING MEANS OF
FOCUSsing SENEGALESE ATTENTION UNMISTAKABLY ON ISSUES
WHICH WOULD FIGURE IMPORTANTLY IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF
SENEGALESE DISPOSITION TOWARD COOPERATION WITH U.S.

11. MOST DIFFICULT MULTILATERAL POLITICAL ISSUE IN
OUR RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN KOREA,
ON WHICH WE HAVE SUSTAINED CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE WHICH
HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SOME SENEGALESE MOVEMENT TOWARD
MORE EVEN-HANDED POSITION. PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICIES
ON KOREA WILL DO MUCH GRADUALLY TO ELIMINATE REMAINING
DIVERGENCE BETWEEN US AND SENEGALESE POSITIONS.
ON KOREA AND OTHER KEY ISSUES WHERE OUR POSITIONS HAVE
DIFFERED, EMBASSY HAS FOUND SENEGALESE READINESS FOR
CONTINUING FRANK EXCHANGES AND PREDISPOSITION TO
JOIN WITH US IN SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO BRING US CLOSER
TOGETHER.

12. WITH RESPECT TO KEY ISSUES OUTLINED REF B, SENEGALESE
TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR OWN HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, AND HAVE
APPLAUDED US COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISM,
PARTICULARLY THROUGH PROMINENT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR
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AMERICAN INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE MAJORITY RULE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA. RECENT DESIGNATION, WITH PRESIDENT
SENGHOR'S BLESSING, OF SENEGALESE OAU OFFICIAL MOKTAR
THIAM AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
(ADDIS ABABA A-72) IS SYMBOLIC OF FORTHCOMING SENEGALESE
POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
ELICIT CONTINUED SENEGALESE COOPERATION ON MANY HUMAN
RIGHTS ISSUES.

13. AS EVIDENCED BY PERFORMANCE IN UNESCO AND ELSEWHERE,
SENEGALESE ARE IN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD BE ISOLATED FROM POLITICI-
ZATION, SINCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS SEEN AS ONLY PROPER
FORUM FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS. WHILE WE WILL NOT
ALWAYS BE SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING SENEGAL TO TAKE
STAND AGAINST NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS, WE CAN EXPECT
SYMPATHY AND SOME ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM SENEGAL ON THIS QUESTION.

14. NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE OF HIGH INTEREST
TO SENEGALESE, WHO QUESTION "WILL" OF INDUSTRIALIZED

WESTERN NATIONS TO RESPOND TO THIRD WORLD NEEDS WHILE ALSO CHASTIZING COMMUNIST BLOC FOR FAILING TO DO ITS PART. SENEGALESE CONVICTION THAT TERMS OF TRADE FOR LDC'S ARE GRADUALLY DETERIORATING AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUCH PAT SOLUTIONS AS INDEXATION LEFT THEM DISAPPOINTED WITH US PROPOSALS AT NAIROBI UNCTAD MEETING AND OTHER RECENT CONFERENCES, THOUGH INITIAL STATEMENTS BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN HAVE ENCOURAGED SENEGALESE TO EXPECT MORE FAR-REACHING RESPONSES FROM US IN FUTURE. SENEGAL WILL VALUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, BUT WILL CONTINUE SEEKING MAXIMUM CONCESSIONS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

15. UN STRUCTURAL AND BUDGETARY CONTROL ISSUES HAVE NOT BEEN MAJOR ISSUE OF DISCUSSION WITH SENEGAL IN PAST. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO PRESENTING US POSITIONS AS
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INSTRUCTED, THOUGH WE ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER OPPOSING VIEWS ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS UNIDO AND SECURITY COUNCIL VETO RIGHT.

16. MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER REMAINS POLITICAL OFFICER ALAN MCKEE. FINAL POINT WORTH MAKING AGAIN THIS YEAR IS THAT, WHILE EMBASSY IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO PREPARE FRENCH TRANSLATIONS OF NOTES AND AIDE MEMOIRE THAN SOME SMALLER POSTS, OUR SPEED, ACCURACY AND, WE SUSPECT, COMPREHENSION BY SENEGALESE ARE ENHANCED WHEN DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE TEXTS IN FRENCH FOR KEY PASSAGES OF DEMARCHE WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. WHEN FULL FRENCH TEXTS ARE NOT PRACTICAL, IT IS OFTEN USEFUL AT LEAST TO HAVE OFFICIAL FRENCH VERSIONS OF TITLES OF RESOLUTIONS OR OF SPECIAL BODIES INVOLVED SO WE CAN BE SURE THAT WE AND OUR HOSTS ARE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING.
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